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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ETTC KOMC UV
SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 2: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK
ON LICENSE 050191885

¶1. This is an Action Request. See paragraph 4.

¶2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 050191885 for the export of pistols to Burkina Faso. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. Reason for Request: The end-user has never been party to an export license nor has it ever been subject to a Blue Lantern check. Also, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is under a moratorium on the importation, exportation, and manufacture of firearms. This import falls under an ECOWAS exemption. This request is for Post to establish the bona fides of this transaction and end-user.

¶4. Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of this transaction and end-user Etaf Armabel by making inquiries to representatives of the company and appropriate authorities of the Government of Burkina Faso. The following points are included for guidance:

(To Etaf Armabel)

--When was your company established and who are its principals?

--What products and services does your company provide? Who are your regular customers and where do they reside?

--What are your annual sales of U.S.-origin firearms?

--How many firearms have you imported under ECOWAS Exemption No. 006/09 issued on 26 March 2009?

--For what will these firearms be used in Burkina Faso?

--Do you sell firearms to customers that reside outside Burkina Faso?

--Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer or re-export?

(To Appropriate Import/Export and/or Law Enforcement Authorities)

--Is Etaf Armabel properly authorized to import and sell defense articles in Burkina Faso?

--Can you confirm this import authorization as authentic?

--Does this import by Etaf Armabel fall under ECOWAS Exemption No. 006/09 issued on 26 March 2009? How many firearms have been imported under this exemption to date?

--Do you have any information on Etaf Armabel that would question their reliability as a recipient of U.S. defense articles?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

15. Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050191885

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

30 Sig Sauer P220 Pistols

10 Sig Sauer P226 Pistols

30 Sig Sauer Mosquito Pistols

5 Sig Sauer P229 Pistols

10 Sig Sauer 522 Pistols

60 Taurus PT130PRO Pistols

15 Taurus PT111PRO Pistols

30 Taurus 22PLY Pistols

30 Taurus 25PLY Pistols

10 Taurus 24/7PRO Pistols

30 Taurus 22B Pistols

30 Taurus 22N Pistols

License Value: USD \$86,000

SELLER:

Lou's Police Distributors Inc
7815 West 4 Avenue
Hialeah, FL 33014

FOREIGN END-USER:

Etaf Armabel
Bobo 01 BP 1409
Ouagadougou
Burkina Faso
Tel: 0026.50.31.45.49 / 50.31.65.63
Email: traadou@yahoo.fr

PURPOSE:

For commercial resale in Burkina Faso

16. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

2 DSP-83 signed by Linda Riccobono (Lou's Police Distributor) not dated and Abdoulaye Traore (Etaf Armabel) dated 08/21/2009

End User Certificate No. 2009-2764/SECU/CAB issued the Ministry of Security signed by Yero Boly dated 08/20/2009

Import Authorization No. 2009-0112/SECU/CAB issued the Ministry of Security signed by Tyeba Kouenou dated 08/13/2009

Purchase Order No. 2009/102 issued by Etaf Armabel signed by Abdoulaye Traore dated 08/24/2009

ECOWAS Exemption Certificate No. 006/09 signed by Dr. Mohamed ibn Chambas (President of the Commission, ECOWAS) dated 03/26/2009

¶7. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file on Intellipedia: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Blue_Lantern_End-Use_Monitoring_Program

¶8. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.

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